## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN RE: PETITION OF THE SOUTH	)	
CAROLINA TELEPHONE COALITION	)	Docket No. 2015-290-C
FOR A DETERMINATION THAT	)	
WIRELESS CARRIERS ARE	)	
PROVIDING RADIO-BASED LOCAL	)	
EXCHANGE SERVICES IN SOUTH	)	
CAROLINA THAT COMPETE WITH	)	
LOCAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS	)	
SERVICE PROVIDED IN THE STATE	)	

### FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CAROLINAS, LLC

#### **PETITION TO INTERVENE**

Petitioner Frontier Communications of the Carolinas, LLC ("Frontier"), an incumbent local exchange provider contributor and recipient of State USF, hereby petitions the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") pursuant to Rule 103-825 of the Commission's Rules, for an order allowing Frontier to intervene in the above-referenced Docket with full rights to participate as a party of record. In support of its Petition, Frontier submits the following to the Commission:

- 1. Frontier is a facilities-based incumbent local exchange provider in South Carolina. Frontier seeks to intervene in this proceeding with full rights to participate as a party of record to represent its interests.
- 2. On August 12, 2015, the South Carolina Telephone Coalition and its individual member companies ("SCTC") filed a Petition for a determination that wireless carriers, who offer retail wireless services in South Carolina ("State"), are providing radio-based local exchange services in South Carolina that compete with local

telecommunications service provided in the State.

3. Frontier's request to intervene is timely made and filed as the Commission

established a deadline of September 18, 2015 for any interested party to this matter to file and

make such petition to intervene.

Frontier also receives funds from the state universal service fund ("State

USF"). To the extent the Commission decides it would be appropriate to consider the

issues raised by SCTC concerning the USF and related matters in the context of

this docket, Frontier also has a direct and substantial interest in the subject matter of the

Petition in this matter.

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5. While Frontier has not fully developed a final position at this time, Frontier

believes that its participation in this proceeding is essential to protect its interests and

ensure a full and fair consideration of the issues raised in this proceeding.

6. Granting this Petition will not cause any undue delay, and it will not

prejudice any party to this proceeding.

7. Correspondence and communications to Frontier with respect to this

proceeding should be directed to undersigned counsel and Frontier regulatory contact:

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8. Frontier is informed and believes that its request to be made a party of record in this docket is in the interest of the public, is consistent with the policies of the Commission for public participation in the matters before it, and is necessary for the development of a full and complete record.

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing, Frontier respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Petition to Intervene as a formal party of record, permit its intervention to protect its interests and to allow Frontier to take such positions as it deems advisable, direct any and all parties of record provide it with a copy of any pleadings, testimony and exhibits or any other filings made in this proceeding, and grant all such other relief that deems just and proper.

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Respectfully submitted this  $3^{rd}$  day of September, 2015.

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# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA DOCKET 2015-290-C

RE:

PETITION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA TELEPHONE COALITION FOR A DETERMINATION THAT WIRELESS CARRIERS ARE PROVIDING RADIOBASED LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES IN SOUTH CAROLINA THAT COMPETE WITH LOCAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDED IN THE STATE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I, Sonya Hancock, an employee of the firm of Richardson Plowden & Robinson, PA, have on September 2015, served one (1) copy of the foregoing document, filed on behalf of Frontier Communications of the Carolinas, Inc. in the above-referenced matter to the person(s) named below by causing said copy to be deposited in the United States Postal Service (unless otherwise specified), first class postage prepaid and affixed thereto, and addressed as follows:

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